

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

- (a) about 5,300 acres.
- (b) 5,30,000 paras.

NURSES AND MARRIAGE

25. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the existing orders allowing Nurses attached to hospital and dispensaries to marry have been cancelled or modified;
- (b) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative what is the present order;
- (c) will they please state whether orders will effect retrospectively those in service who have already married or betrothed?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

- (a) Orders allowing Nurses to marry have been cancelled.
- (b) The present order is that Nurses, while in service are not allowed to get married.
- (c) Nurses who were married before this order came into effect will be allowed to continue in service.

26. Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the total number of Nurses in the Medical Department;
- (b) the date of the order permitting nurses to marry;
- (c) the date on which this order was withdrawn;
- (d) the reasons for the withdrawal;
- (e) the number of Nurses who were married in the period between the dates of (b) and (c); and
- (f) whether such Nurses who are married are allowed to continue in service?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

- (a) 155.
- (b) 9th December 1941.
- (c) 12th October 1944.
- (d) Because it was found that married women could not carry out even the ordinary duties of a nurse efficiently.
- (e) 23.
- (f) Yes.

QUARTERS FOR NURSES—TRICHUR

27. Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct Nurses quarters in Trichur?
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the site proposed?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) In the Civil Hospital.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHOOMI"—"NURSING ALSO RATIONED"

28. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether they have come across the statement in "Jenmabhoomi", dated 5th November 1944 under the head "Nursing also rationed";
- (b) whether the statement is true or not;
- (c) if the statement be true, will they please state what the number of paid nurses and honorary nurses (each separate) was and what the number is at present (i.e., 20th Thulani 1120);
- (d) will they please state the number of in-patients to be attended to as on the date?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Not true.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) 131.